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LIMDIS/PASS TO UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS FROM GREENWALD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: HINTON LETTER TO ROGERS OF JULY 8 ON AGRICULTURE  
AND THE MTN

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE MY COMMENTS ON DEANE HINTON'S LETTER  
TO YOU OF JULY 8 CONCERNING US-EC CONFIDENTIAL TALKS ON AGRICULTURE IN THE TOKYO ROUND.

2. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, FINN GUNDELACH IS THE BEST MAN  
TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH AGRICULTURE IN  
THE MTN, REGARDLESS OF THE PORTFOLIO HE ENDS UP WITH IN THE  
NEW COMMISSION. ON THE QUESTION OF TIMING, I AGREE THAT THE  
TALKS SHOULD NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS.  
IF THEY ARE, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM CONFIDENTIAL.

3. THE STATUS OF PREPARATIONS ON OUR SIDE IS AS FOLLOWS.  
JULES AND I HAVE COMMENTED ON A FIRST DRAFT WHICH I UNDER-  
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STAND YOU SAW. A SECOND DRAFT IS BEING REVIEWED AND WILL

BE SENT TO YOU FOR HOLIDAY READING. HOWEVER, IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE TOO MUCH TIME, I PROPOSE TO HAVE STAFF DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE WITH TREASURY. THERE WILL PRESUMABLY BE A THIRD DRAFT AVAILABLE WHEN YOU RETURN.

4. ON THE BASIS OF PRELIMINARY EXCHANGES, IT SEEMS THAT OUR MAIN PROBLEM WITH TREASURY WILL BE THE CONCEPT OF A GRAINS AGREEMENT, WHICH I THINK IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY OVER-ALL AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT WITH THE EC.

5. ASSUMING WE CAN REACH AGREEMENT WITH TREASURY BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH, WE SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO MEET WITH GUNDELACH IN WASHINGTON ANY TIME AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER.  
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